



# CITY OF WASHINGTON REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL



*JoJo Burgess, Mayor*

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 6:00 P.M.**

*City Council*

*Ken Westcott, Councilman*

*Joe Pintola, Councilman*

*Andrew Callan, Councilman*

*Joseph DeThomas, Councilman*

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Joseph DeThomas

Councilman Andrew Callan

Councilman Joe Pintola

Councilman Ken Westcott

Mayor JoJo Burgess

**SOLICITOR:**

Jack Cambest, Esquire

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Individuals or group representatives who have signed in prior to the meeting will have 5 minutes of microphone time to address Council during the public participation portion of the meeting. We prefer if there is a group, a representative be chosen to speak. Audience comments will not be permitted following the public participation portion of the meeting; therefore, we ask that you please review the agenda for any item(s) you may wish to discuss. We have, in the past, had individuals' direct comments to the Mayor and Council that were not correct or could not be documented. For that reason, we ask that your information be to the point and factual. Although we may not be able to answer your question at this meeting, we will refer your request or recommendation to the proper department for any necessary action.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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**RECOGNITIONS:**

Recognition of Washington High School Senior, K'Nisha Brown.

Promotional presentation and swearing in of Firefighter Devon Hoskins by Mayor Burgess and Chief Richer.

Awards and Proclamation presented to Firefighters Scott, Danley, Normand, Lascola and Koker by Mayor Burgess and Chief Richer.

**The Council of the City of Washington held a Public Demolition Hearing on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 55 West Maiden Street, Washington, PA 15301 for the purpose of receiving public testimony on the proposed demolition of structures and property as follows:**

1. **Motion** to declare the properties listed below as public nuisances and authorize the release of the following properties to the Redevelopment Authority for scheduled demolition:

15 S. College Street Washington, PA 15301 Parcel No: 740-001-00-01-0003-00	17 South Street Washington, PA 15301 Parcel No: 740-007-00-01-0015-00	205 Linn Avenue Washington, PA 15301 Parcel No: 760-004-00-01-0011-00
249.5 Elm Street Washington, PA 15301 Parcel No: 750-023-00-01-0002-00	276 Locust Avenue Washington, PA 15301 Parcel No: 760-019-00-03-0014-00	293 Locust Avenue Washington, PA 15301 Parcel No: 760-019-00-02-0003-00
340 Duncan Avenue Washington, PA 15301 Parcel No: 770-002-00-02-000014-00	35 Seminole Avenue Washington, PA 15301 Parcel No: 760-016-00-04-0022-00	368 Houston Street Washington, PA 15301 Parcel No: 750-019-00-02-0014-00
40 Victoria Street Washington, PA 15301 Parcel No: 720-007-00-03-0007-00	447-449 Extension Ave. Washington, PA 15301 Parcel No: 780-004-00-02-0014-01	495 Fayette Street Washington, PA 15301 Parcel No: 780-003-00-01-0001-00
211 Linn Avenue Washington, PA 15301 Parcel No. 760-004-00-01-0009-01	169 Church Street Washington, PA 15301 Parcel No. 720-008-00-03-0029-00	

2. **Motion** to approve the Minutes from the August 1, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.
3. **Motion** to approve the following payments (A.- P.) in the amount of \$382,765.07.
4. **Motion** to approve the following refunds (A.- B.) in the amount of \$15,259.48.
5. **Motion** to purchase and approve payment to Rogue Fitness in the amount of \$1,958.73 for a 3-tier storage system. **CHARGE:** (PEMA Fire Grant Account: 99.00/400-260.)
6. **Motion** to adopt the Accounts Payable Procedure Policy effective 9-12-24.
7. **Motion** to approve payment to Integra Realty Resources for Crossroads Parking Garage appraisal in the amount of \$1,667.00. **CHARGE: 01.13/404-314**
8. **Motion** to pay Global Industrial in the amount not to exceed \$3,500 for evidence storage lockers. **CHARGE:** 81.00/489-00
9. **Motion** to pay In-Synch (Police Report Management System) 1 of 2 payments in the amount of \$10,000 for data conversion. **CHARGE:** 77.00/430-330. (2nd payment to be paid in 1st quarter of 2025.)
10. **Motion** to approve 2024 Trick or Treat as Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 5:30 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.

- 11. **Motion** to approve the resignation of Andrew Newman effective September 9, 2024, amend the salary resolution and pay all monies due.
- 12. **Motion** to approve a \$500.00 performance bonus to City Clerk Michelle Sperl.
- 13. **Motion** to approve the UPMC / Washington Hospital PILOT Agreement effective January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2033.

**ORDINANCE:**

**FIRST READING of ORDINANCE NO. 1976 NO. 3 of 2024**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, ARTICLE XI – EARNED INCOME TAX, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF THE SPECIAL TAX, UNDER ACT 205 OF 1984, FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF RAISING REVENUE TO DEFRAY COSTS RELATED TO THE PENSION PLANS OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.**

**WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Washington, Washington County, Pennsylvania, is desirous of repealing the special tax, pursuant to Act 205 of 1984, which established a special tax of .02% under the City of Washington Pension Distress status.**

**\*\*\*NO VOTE REQUIRED\*\*\***

**DISCUSSION:**

- Councilman Joseph DeThomas –
- Councilman Andrew Callan-
- Councilman Joe Pintola -
- Councilman Ken Westcott –
- Mayor JoJo Burgess-
- Solicitor Jack Cambest –

- The next Agenda Meeting will be held on September 30, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. The next Regular Council Meeting will held at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 3, 2024 in Council Chambers.
- Market in the Park will be held Saturday, September 14, 2024. The Market will be held every second Saturday at the Washington Park (between Main Pavilion and The

Log Cabin) through October 12, 2024. And a Pop-Up Market the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of December.

- The Community Pavilion Farmer's Market open on Thursdays from 3-6 P.M.
- STEMFEST will be held Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 11:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. at the Community Pavilion.
- The Italian Festival will be held at the Community Pavilion Saturday, September 21, 2024 from Noon – 9:00 P.M.
- Dark in the Park Light Scare will be held Friday, October 18, 2024 from 6:45 PM until 10:00 P.M.
- Dark in the Park Full Scare will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024 from 6:45 PM until 10:00 P.M.

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting.